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Re application of:

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Appl. No.: 09/359,300

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For: **METHOD OF DETERMINING THE
PRESENCE OF A TRAIT IN A
PLANT BY TRANSFECTING A
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE OF A
NON-PLANT DONOR INTO A HOST
PLANT IN A POSITIVE
ORIENTATION**

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Leffers Jr., G.

Atty. Docket: 08010137US07

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended one month from May 14, 2001 to June 14, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one months extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 08010137US07. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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